

Towards end of 1776

British forces were closing in
on Philadelphia; Congress moved
to Baltimore taking along the
records including the "Declaration"
in a baggage wagon.

Dec 25, 1776

Crossing of the Delaware

American revolutionary troops
led by Gen George Washington
crossed the ice Delaware River
on Christmas night Dec. 25, 1776
to make the famous early
morning raid on Hessians
at Trenton, N. J.

1776

Gibbon's 'Decline & Fall of the Roman
Empire'

Apr 3, 1776

George Washington received an honorary
doctor of laws degree from Harvard College.

Sept 9, 1776

the term "United States" became
official

1776

German Protestants had been
using the old reckoning of Easter
until 1776 when they started
on the new reckoning

1776

The new nationalism allowed you to conjure a nation's existence by uttering its name. American settlers showed the way by revolting against the British and, in 1776, declaring the independence of the United States of America. The British consoled themselves by colonizing Australia in 1788.